

plotted exhausted; their followers, driven to the wall by poverty, and following blindly a republican theory, without any of those practical efforts at progress and education which alone make republicanism valuable, worn out in their successful warfare to overthrow the temporal power of the Church, and ill prepared to confront the new revolution which threatens them, it is evident that the feeble force which they can bring to resist it will not preserve their nationality intact.

The hope of the Catholic Church to restore its shattered power; the desire of property owners for the restoration of their estates; the wish of the Indian population to better its condition, and the powerful effect of the great foreign commercial element to aid in the formation of a stable government, will overthrow the whole national republican party of Mexico, and almost without an effort on our part, we may expect to see the magnificent Mexican peninsula fall into the Union and aid instead of obstruct our progress.

What's the Matter?

We have again to record the interesting fact that one of the French line of European steamers has again beaten the Canard. The Perle, Captain Duchesne, arrived at this port yesterday morning at six o'clock, having left Brest on the 13th instant at three o'clock P.M., making the passage in about ten days and a half. The Canard steamer Cuba left Liverpool also on the 13th for New York, via Queenstown and Halifax, and had not arrived even at the latter port when the Perle was snug at her berth here, her passengers at their hotels or on their way in every direction by the early trains, and part of her cargo landed. Where is the Cuba? Echo answers, not heard from. Again we put the question, what is the matter?

A Periodical Scold.

Wendell Phillips is a remarkable man. He has more brains than all the rest of the radical politicians put together, but he has one incurable weakness—he is a confirmed scold. Like Mrs. Gargery, he is constitutionally compelled to go periodically "on the rampage." We lose sight of him for two or three months at a time, but he is certain to make his appearance again in a lecture, or a letter, or a speech, railing away at "all the world and the rest of mankind," with the exception of Ben Butler. When he cannot find anybody else to scold he scolds George Washington; but he must always assault somebody, even if it should only be "H. G." or "T. W.," who are abusive enough of each other to be entitled to a monopoly of the business. Phillips is like a whale in more than one respect—he not only comes up to the surface every now and then to blow, but he also creates a terrible commotion whenever he does so among the smaller radical fish that follow in his wake.

The First Fruits of Reconstruction.

The first practical illustration of the great political revolution at the South has been furnished at Plymouth, North Carolina. An election for a Town Commissioner was recently held at that place, when Cuffee, armed with his new weapon of offence and defence, the ballot, marched up to the polls and elected a genuine colored individual to the office. How the white Town Commissioners, with whom this gentleman of color is to be associated, will relish this practical application of the doctrine of political equality remains to be seen. It is said that the successful candidate was much tickled with his triumph, and would scarcely deign to notice the unfortunate whites who have not got a vote.

A Seedy Subject.

We perceive that the government is sending, through the Commissioner of Agriculture, fifty thousand dollars' worth of seeds to the South. This is but a small contribution to that impoverished region, and would hardly be sufficient to supply the plantations of half a dozen counties. There is an immense dearth of seeds and farming implements in the South, and even if the article in the way of seeds usually furnished by the government was of good quality, which it very seldom is, but quite the contrary, the quantity proposed to be sent is entirely inadequate to the wants of the Southern farmers.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Official Account of the Council Between Hancock and the Cheyennes—The Flight of the Latter from their Camp—General Custer in Pursuit, &c.

WASHINGTON, April 24, 1867. From letters received at the Office of Indian Affairs from agents at Wynkoop and Leavenworth, dated Fort Larned, April 15, information is given that a council was held by General Hancock, near the fort, with some of the chiefs of the Cheyenne tribe, at which it is understood they expressed themselves in a friendly manner.

General Hancock marched to Fort Dodge on the 13th inst., and up the Pawnee River in the direction of a camp of about three hundred lodges of Cheyennes and Sioux. The approach of the command caused great anxiety among the warriors and children; and, when the military had advanced and halted within a mile of the camp, it was found that the women and children had left the lodges; the warriors, one hundred or more, armed and apparently ready for a fight, remained. Hancock stated to the chiefs that no harm was intended, and sent two men after those who had fled. They returned, however, with the information that they had scattered and were not to be found. Hancock then ordered the women and children to be brought back to the camp, and the warriors to be kept under guard.

The Cheyenne warriors were found to have been left with their families in the camp. There also remained an old Sioux and a girl about eight years of age. The old man was a white man, and was killed by the warriors, and by others to be a white, or partly so. It was evident that she was neither a Sioux or Cheyenne, and had been badly injured. Gen. Custer was sent in pursuit of the fleeing Indians. The fear is expressed that a general war will follow.

Flight at Cimarron Landing near Fort Dodge—The First Blood of the War. The Evening Union of this city says: On the 19th inst., a squad of the 7th Cavalry, under Major Cooper, killed six Cheyenne Indians at Cimarron Landing, thirty miles west of Fort Dodge. This is the first blood spilt in Indian war of 1867. One of Major Cooper's men was killed, and one was wounded.

Thirty Cheyenne warriors belonging to the United States Army were run off by the Indians from Chalk Bluff station, on Smoky Hill, a few days ago.

Twenty-three Indians killed in Arizona. St. Louis, April 24, 1867. The Prescott, Arizona, Mirror of January 12, says:—Fourteen members of Captain Hodges company of rangers surprised a camp of Indians about one hundred miles from Prescott, December 31, and killed twenty-three of them. One of the rangers was killed and three were wounded.

NEWS FROM SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, April 24, 1867. The agricultural prospects are excellent, and the grain crop is the best of the season. San Joaquin, Tulare, and the great valley of Sacramento. Great breadth of land has been sown with wheat last year. The Treasurer of the Southern Relief Fund on Saturday, Charles N. Prosser, of the Supreme Court of Nevada, died at San Jose yesterday.

Burning of a Hotel, &c. San Francisco, April 24, 1867. A fire occurred last night in the Commercial hotel, which destroyed the fourth and fifth stories, and slightly injured the third. The cost of the building and furniture was \$600,000, and the loss was \$150,000; insurance for \$90,000. The hotel was crowded with guests, and the loss of personal property is large.

The Southern Constitution, from Panama, arrived this morning.

EUROPE.

BY THE CABLE TO APRIL 24.

Prussia Determined to Hold Luxembourg, and War With France Imminent.

NEUTRAL MEDIATION FOR PEACE

COTTON AGAIN DECLINED.

THE WAR MOVEMENT.

Prussian Reply to Neutral Mediation—Luxembourg to be Retained.

BERLIN, April 23, 1867. The official Press to-day, in an editorial, says in relation to the proposition recently submitted to the governments of Prussia and France by the great Powers of Europe:—"This government did not find it necessary to appeal to the Powers for the protection of her rights, and she will not leave Luxembourg."

A CONFLICT IMMINENT.

Another Effort for the Preservation of Peace.

BERLIN, April 24—2 P. M. It is reported that the great Powers of Europe have renewed their appeal to Prussia, in the hope of averting the war which now seems so imminent.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Consols for money.

United States five-twenty, extra coupon, 67½%
United States five-twenty, 67½%
Erie Railroad shares, 36½%
London, April 24—2 P. M.

The stock market is flat.

Consols are now quoted at 90½.

AMERICAN SECURITIES

are now quoted as follows:—

Erie shares, 36½%
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Illinois Central, 33½%
London, April 24—Evening.

Consols closed at 90½ for money.

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United States five-twenty (ex coupon), 67½%
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London, April 24—Evening.

The cotton market is still heavy and declining.

Middling uplands are now quoted 10½; 10½; middling Orleans 10½ & 10½.

LIVERPOOL, April 24—Evening.

The cotton market was weak to-day, and prices declined.

The following are the authorized closing quotations: Middling Uplands, 10½; 10½; Middling Orleans, 10½; 10½.

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RECONSTRUCTION.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE HERALD.

Speech of Senator Wilson at Norfolk—Blasphemy of the Secession Committee, &c.

Norfolk, Va., April 24, 1867.

Senator Wilson spoke here to-night. He arrived by the boat from Richmond at four o'clock in the afternoon, accompanied by Governor Pierpont, District Attorney Chandler and Colonel Brown, of the Freedmen's Bureau.

It seems that his audience had resolved to extend an official reception to Mr. Wilson; but this did not suit the views of certain republican leaders in this city, and so they managed to switch off the City Fathers and take sole charge of the Senator, somewhat to his annoyance.

The meeting was held at eight o'clock, in the African church. It is a roomy edifice, and it was filled to overflowing. The colored people were, of course, in a large majority, but there was a respectable number of whites among the audience. The representatives of both races sat side by side in the same pews and on the same platform.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. W. Hanson (colored). Mr. Porter, chairman of the Republican Committee, introduced Senator Wilson, and then made a speech, in which he alluded to the secession of the South, and to the impolitic treatment of the city authorities, declared, in the opening of his speech, that he was not the agent of any political party. He was here of his own volition and at his own expense. He had not received and should not receive directions from anybody, nor compensation from any quarter. Having reviewed the history of the secession, he said that he had not received and should not receive directions from anybody, nor compensation from any quarter. Having reviewed the history of the secession, he said that he had not received and should not receive directions from anybody, nor compensation from any quarter.

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